

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-9. (canceled).

10. (currently amended) A linear drive arrangement for a sliding door, the arrangement comprising:

a guide track;

a stator arrangement including coils fixed with respect to said guide track;

a guide carriage for a movement parallel to said guide track, to which a door leaf of the sliding door ~~can be~~ is fixed ~~for movement parallel to said guide track~~;

a plurality of permanent magnets fixed to said guide carriage, wherein said permanent magnets and said coils form a holder so that the guide carriage, with the fixed door leaf, is partially suspended by a magnetic force between said permanent magnets and said coils, and wherein the same permanent magnets and coils form ~~and~~ a linear drive for the door leaf so that the guide carriage can be ~~suspended and~~ driven along said guide track by said magnetic force ~~forces between said coils and said magnets~~; and

at least one supporting roller which supports said guide carriage on said guide track when said carriage is not fully suspended by said magnetic forces.

11. (previously presented) The linear drive arrangement of claim 10, wherein the guide carriage has a front end and a rear end, the at least one supporting roller comprising two supporting rollers which are respectively disposed at the front and rear ends.

12. (previously presented) The linear drive arrangement of claim 11, wherein the guide carriage has a pair of opposed sides extending between the front end and the rear end, both of the two supporting rollers being arranged on one of the sides.

13. (previously presented) The linear drive arrangement of claim 12, wherein each said supporting roller is journaled on a bearing shaft which is received through a bore hole in the guide carriage.

14. (previously presented) The linear drive arrangement of claim 13, wherein each said bearing shaft has a first end on which a respective said supporting roller is journaled eccentrically with respect to the axis of the shaft.

15. (previously presented) The linear drive arrangement of claim 14, wherein each said bearing shaft has a threaded second end for receiving a fastening nut.

16. (previously presented) The linear drive arrangement of claim 13, wherein the each said supporting roller is detachable from a respective one of the bearing shafts.

17. (previously presented) The linear drive arrangement of claim 10, wherein the at least one supporting roller rolls on the guide track during the entire movement of the guide carriage for preventing the door leaf from rocking relative to the guide track.

18. (previously presented) The linear drive arrangement of claim 10, wherein the at least one supporting roller rolls on the guide track only as movement of the guide carriage begins and ends for preventing the door leaf from rocking relative to the guide track.

19. (new) A linear drive arrangement for a sliding door, the arrangement comprising:
a guide track;
a stator arrangement comprising a plurality of coils fixed to said guide track;
a guide carriage for carrying a door leaf of the sliding door and movable parallel to said guide track;

a plurality of permanent magnets fixed to said guide carriage, said permanent magnets and said coils being operable to generate a magnetic force for at least partially suspending the guide carriage and linearly driving the guide carriage along said guide track; and

at least one supporting roller for supporting said guide carriage on said guide track when said guide carriage is not fully suspended by said magnetic force.

20. (new) The linear drive arrangement of claim 19, wherein the guide carriage has a front end and a rear end, the at least one supporting roller comprising two supporting rollers which are respectively disposed at the front and rear ends.

21. (new) The linear drive arrangement of claim 20, wherein the guide carriage has a pair of opposed sides extending between the front end and the rear end, both of the two supporting rollers being arranged on one of the sides.

22. (new) The linear drive arrangement of claim 21, wherein each said supporting roller is journaled on a bearing shaft which is received through a bore hole in the guide carriage.

23. (new) The linear drive arrangement of claim 22, wherein each said bearing shaft has a first end on which a respective said supporting roller is journaled eccentrically with respect to the axis of the shaft.

24. (new) The linear drive arrangement of claim 23, wherein each said bearing shaft has a threaded second end for receiving a fastening nut.

25. (new) The linear drive arrangement of claim 22, wherein the each said supporting roller is detachable from a respective one of the bearing shafts.

26. (new) The linear drive arrangement of claim 19, wherein the at least one supporting roller rolls on the guide track during the entire movement of the guide carriage for preventing the door leaf from rocking relative to the guide track.

27. (new) The linear drive arrangement of claim 19, wherein the at least one supporting roller rolls on the guide track only as movement of the guide carriage begins and ends for preventing the door leaf from rocking relative to the guide track.